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MUSIC 147A, Section 7

Group Instruction – Guitar

Syllabus

SEMESTERS OFFERED: Fall, Spring, Winter

INSTRUCTOR: Joseph Armetta

On campus Tuesday - Thursday;

(406-243-6369) or e-mail (guitar@cybernet1.com)

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Music 147A is intended to provide guitar lessons for non-majors or music majors for whom the guitar is a secondary instrument.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Acoustic guitar, Mel Bay's Guitar Class Method Volume 1, all other materials will be provided by the instructor.

INSTRUCTION: The instructor starts from the beginning assuming no or little knowledge of music on the part of the student. The students play simple to intermediate songs as a large ensemble.

All students will receive group instruction in the following:

- Basic fundamentals of guitar playing; correct posture, reading in first position, using a pick.
- Major and minor scales, intervals, triads and arpeggios.
- Common guitar keys
- Basic Chord Theory (major/minor and dominant triads and tetrachords)
- Sight reading
- Listening

WEEKLY CLASSES: The class progresses through the semester with weekly

Assignments which include melodic and chord reading and playing as well as written exercises.

GRADING: The students performance will be graded by the instructor on the following scale:

A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F. The grades are determined based on the following factors: class attendance and preparation, written homework, performance effort.

Exceeding the requirements and outstanding performance and improvement may result in raising the grade. Simply meeting the requirements and average performance and improvement will result in a grade of C. Failure to meet the requirements and poor performance and improvement may result in the grade being lowered.

Academic Misconduct and the Student Conduct Code

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at

www.umt.edu/SA/VP/SA/Index.cfm/page/1321